

Mariah is the voice and advocate for her daughter, who lives with spina bifida, a condition that occurs when the spine and spinal cord don't form properly.

For Mariah and her daughter, Medicaid is a crucial resource without which they would not be able to afford the proper care that her daughter requires for her condition.

In her message to my office, Mariah said: "I am asking for the budget to not touch Medicaid funding. My daughter is 2 years old and is just starting to walk on her own. This is all with the support she receives at physical therapy and the Help Me Grow [program]. I would be lost without all of these resources for her."

Mariah's story is one of heroism, but not different than many of my other constituents', a mother working hard to provide for her daughter who was born and lives with a condition that requires the care that Medicaid provides.

Mariah is fighting to make sure that her daughter is able to keep receiving that care alongside the 200,000 people in Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

What makes this even more infuriating is that this bill is robbing the working poor to pay for tax cuts to buy a yacht or a second home.

Mariah's story is inspiring, and she is not alone. Thousands of constituents from Ohio's 13th Congressional District have called and written to my offices in Akron, Canton, and here in D.C., imploring me to save Medicaid.

That is exactly what I am going to do. I am going to fight for Mariah and Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(Ms. MCBRIDE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share the story of a mother from Delaware whose daughter lives with a condition that means she cannot eat food without getting sick. Her daughter relies on Medicaid to pay for the formula that keeps her alive.

Without it, she won't just struggle. As her mother wrote plainly to me: "If she loses Medicaid, she will die."

Mr. Speaker, we must not gut Medicaid to give tax breaks to billionaires while moms are begging for their children to survive. This mom's story is not an outlier. This is a daily reality for thousands of my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues: Protect Medicaid and protect this child. This is a lifeline.

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(Mr. VINDMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the extreme cuts

to Medicaid and SNAP being pushed by extreme Washington Republicans.

Last month, I spoke with Shannon, a mother whose son relies on Medicaid for lifesaving care. I also spoke with Eugene, a fifth-generation farmer in Culpeper who grows produce that goes straight to food banks, schools, and churches. Both Shannon and Eugene are facing uncertain futures because of these cuts.

More than 56,000 kids in Virginia's Seventh Congressional District rely on Medicaid or SNAP. These cuts would take food away from children as young as 8 years old. I guess we will just have to give our 8-year-old kids little, tiny boots with little, tiny bootstraps so they can pull themselves up.

These aren't just budget choices. They are moral ones. They are the wrong ones. We should support families and the farmers who feed them, not punish them.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject these cruel cuts and stand with families and farmers like Shannon and Eugene.

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(Mrs. TORRES of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, the Republican cuts to Medicaid jeopardize the lives of women and families across our country, women like Kristen from my district.

Kristen suffers from Williams syndrome, which causes cardiovascular issues and developmental delays. She receives care because of Medi-Cal. Every 4 months, she must drive 2 hours to San Diego to run lab tests and functions on her vital organs.

Despite these health concerns, Kristen works, volunteers in our community, and dreams of owning a bakery, thanks to Medicaid. All of that is endangered by this reconciliation bill.

I ask my Republican colleagues: Who are they to decide who gets the care that people like Kristen need and depend on to survive? All of these cuts are for what? So that billionaires and big corporations can get even more handouts?

Let's stand with people like Kristen. Protect Medicaid and the families who rely on Medicaid and got us to Congress.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(Ms. TOKUDA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, when I first met Atalina, she was on the front lines of the pandemic, keeping families housed and fed. When fires ravaged Maui, she was there for the victims.

Atalina is a pillar of her community and her church. She gives everything

she has to others, but even angels need help.

Atalina is the mother of five, soon to be six. Her husband, who is battling cancer and now severe back injuries, can't work consistently. Atalina still works full time and still serves her neighbors and community.

"If I put my entire family on my employer insurance," she told me, "it would cost more than half my paycheck."

Medicaid gave her family access to lifesaving care. SNAP made sure her kids didn't go to bed hungry. These programs aren't "handouts," she says. "They are lifelines."

Now, because her income barely crossed the threshold, she has lost SNAP. "It doesn't mean we can suddenly afford groceries," she says. "It just means we sacrifice even more."

If we cut Medicaid and SNAP, we are not trimming fat. We are cutting hope.

Let's be clear about the false choice we are being asked to make. Do we feed the greed of billionaires, or do we feed and care for families like Atalina's? We know who Republicans are choosing.

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(Mr. CARSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Medicaid and nutrition assistance. I would like to tell you about Arica from Indianapolis' Eastside, a single mother of five, including one child with special needs. She says that if Medicaid is cut, she and her five children will not be able to survive.

There is Carol Ann from Indianapolis' Northside. Her Meals on Wheels have already been reduced. She told me simply: We need food to live.

Bethany from Center Township says that without Medicaid, she would be dead. If Trump cuts Medicaid, she will probably die.

These are the stakes. Every corner of my district, every corner of the great Hoosier State, and every corner of our country will be impacted by these very cruel budget cuts.

Under this budget, 14 million people will lose healthcare. Millions will lose SNAP benefits. Those aren't just numbers. These are people like Arica, Carol Ann, and Bethany.

I implore my colleagues to remember our shared humanity and vote "no" on this heartless bill.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(Ms. MCCLELLAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I was in the Virginia State Senate when Virginia finally expanded Medicaid.

Today, as a result, over 600,000 Virginians now have health insurance who didn't before.

By giving them insurance, we were able to keep our rural hospitals open. We were able to keep costs from going up too much for everybody else because even the uninsured get sick. They don't seek care until they have to go to the emergency room.

Hundreds of thousands of Virginians now stand to lose their healthcare if this big, bad bill cuts Medicaid as it does now. Some Members of the Republican caucus want to go even further.

Gloria has struggled for a long time with her health. She was born with a heart murmur, blood pressure issues, and constant bronchitis. She was recently diagnosed with glaucoma and cataracts that are getting worse.

For years, Gloria had to rely on emergency care at the hospital because she was uninsured. Because she has Medicaid, she can have the surgery she needs and see again. Don't take Gloria's healthcare away.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(Ms. MORRISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise on behalf of Minnesota families who will lose access to healthcare if the Republican budget passes. I want to tell you about Alicia and her daughter, one of them.

Alicia's oldest daughter is 11 years old. She is a happy, active, and confident fifth grader. She has also faced a lifetime of medical challenges including an immune disorder, a blood disorder, and a spinal condition.

Alicia and her family didn't ask for this. Nothing they did caused this. They work hard. They pay their taxes. They love their daughter fiercely. They simply cannot afford the care that she needs without Medicaid.

Medicaid is what allows Alicia's daughter to go to school, to regain her motor skills, and to run a 5K with her classmates, something unthinkable before her treatment. It is the reason she is not just surviving but she is thriving.

Republicans are going to gut the program that she and half of all American children get their healthcare coverage through. This isn't about politics. It is about our values. It is about protecting the health and future of our children. We must protect Medicaid. Our kids are watching, and they are counting on us.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, my constituent, Debra, has this to say

about Medicaid, and I agree. She says: It is absolutely essential.

She adopted two medically fragile children from foster care. Both have Medicaid as their primary and only health insurance. They both receive services through the Division of Specialized Care for Children in Illinois.

Her daughter has a Medically Fragile, Technology Dependent waiver. Together, they require 19 daily prescription medications. Her son requires a nightly injection that is \$4,000 a month. Her daughter requires multiple pieces of expensive medical equipment.

She would never have been able to adopt or afford to keep them without knowing they would receive Medicaid. She is so proud of them. Medicaid is a vital, lifesaving program for thousands of children like hers.

Mr. Speaker, I agree, and let's make it accessible to all who need it. I thank Debra, and I thank her children.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(Ms. RIVAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Leader JEFFRIES and Chair LEDGER FERNANDEZ for hosting this important discussion on the disastrous impact Republican cuts to Medicaid would have on women and children across the country.

In the middle of the night, Republicans on the Rules Committee will consider a bill that contains the largest cuts to Medicaid in our country's history. This outright assault on healthcare will result in 13.7 million Americans losing their health coverage, including many of the 370,000 Medicaid beneficiaries in my district.

This includes people like Yvette from Van Nuys who said that she wants to retire without spending a large portion of her pension on medical coverage.

I also heard from Joe from Panorama City who, without the help of Medicaid, would not be able to afford medical treatments for his children.

Cutting Medicaid will be a disaster for families across the country. I stand with my House Democratic Caucus colleagues in protecting it from Republicans' cruel and extreme budget.

#### GOP TAX SCAM HURTS WOMEN AND FAMILIES

(Ms. BROWN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand with Leader JEFFRIES and my Democratic Women's Caucus colleagues to oppose harmful cuts to food and health assistance.

Today, I rise to share the story of Cheryl from Cleveland Heights, a constituent whose life could be upended by cuts to SNAP and Medicaid.

Cheryl is a retired small business owner who ran an advertising company with her husband for 25 years. They were forced to close that business due to their health issues.

Cheryl lives with chronic respiratory issues and arthritis. Her husband is disabled. She also takes care of her 90-year-old father who is disabled, too. None of them can work, and they depend on SNAP and Medicaid to survive. If Congress guts these programs, it will gut a lifeline for Cheryl and her family.

Mr. Speaker, we must remember who we are here to serve. These are real people with real lives, and we must stand up for them.

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#### SNAP AND MEDICAID

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Scripture calls us to help one another.

In the Gospel of Matthew it says: I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. . . . I was a stranger, and you invited me in.

However, Republicans never come here to talk about poverty or hunger or the sick. It is always about tax cuts, the rich, and the billionaires.

Tonight I rise for one of the Houston families they are attempting to hurt.

Luisa and Roberto are seniors in my district. They have worked their whole lives, and now they are afraid. They are afraid of what happens when Republicans slash the programs they paid into and now rely on to stay healthy.

It is not just them. We hear from moms with cancer, families with disabled children, or families with loved ones in nursing homes, and on and on. They are terrified of losing Medicaid and SNAP.

What Republicans are doing is un-American, un-Christian, and unacceptable.

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker. The American people know the difference between leadership and cruelty, and they won't forget who chose cruelty.

#### MEDICAID AND SNAP

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, please let me share the story of two of my constituents who will be hurt by the cruel bonanza for billionaires budget bill.

Bonnie is 82 years of age. She is the primary caregiver for her 63-year-old nephew, Michael. He is deaf, neurodivergent, and lives with multiple chronic health conditions.

For years, Bonnie has been his primary support so he can live independently, manage complex health needs, and navigate programs like Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, and subsidized housing.